BOYS' AND GIRLS'
4-H CLUB LEADER

To Make the Best Better

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WANTED: Experiences

J. A. Evans, assistant chief of the Office of Cooperative Extension Work, returned to the office for a few days recently and brought some suggestions for increasing the usefulness of the CLUB LEADER which he had picked up in conversations with county extension workers on his last field trip. A number of them, he said, would like to have other agents tell in the CLUB LEADER how they have gone about some of the organization phases of 4-H club work. Enrollment was one of the difficulties he jotted down.

A new agent in a new county with no previous experience in working with young people, would like to know what others have found a desirable way to reach the many boys and girls whom the agent does not know and to whom "4-H club work" means nothing.

An agent in a farming county near a large city finds it extremely difficult to interest boys above 12 and 13 years of age in club enterprises.

An agent in a thickly populated county would like to know how others have met the objection of parents that there are already more organizations than the young folks can give time to.

An agent in a county where distances are great, travel difficult, and the boys and girls unaccustomed to working together, wants to know if anyone has experienced these handicaps and how they were overcome.

These are not all of the items in J. A.'s notebook but are enough for a beginning on an opportunity for service. Have you ever faced any of these situations, or others as disturbing to your sleep? What did you do?

4-H CLUB RADIO PROGRAMS

(Broadcast over the coast-to-coast network of 37 radio stations listed on page 2 of the August 4-H CLUB LEADER.)

October 5, 1929. - Esther Seitman, Marshall County, Iowa, and Joe Boyle, Putnam County, Ill., representing the 4-H club membership; G. E. Farrell, regional agent in Central States extension work, and R. A. Turner, field agent in Central States 4-H club work, Office of Cooperative Extension Work, representing 4-H leadership.

Time:	Eastern Standard,	1 p.m. to 1.45 p.m.
	Central "	12 noon to 12.45 p.m.
	Mountain "	11 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.
	Pacific "	10 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.

September 7, 1929. - Edmund Aycock, Wayne County, N. C., and Anna Probasco, Mercer County, N. J., representing 4-H club membership; Gertrude L. Warren, specialist in club organization, and I. W. Hill, field agent in Southern States 4-H club work, Office of Cooperative Extension Work, representing 4-H leadership.

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Late Wire Word is just received from the International Livestock Exposition that there is no change in eligibility rules governing the noncollegiate judging contests.

HAVE YOU HEARD THAT

The special program for girls at the New York annual junior field days, Ithaca, included a 4-H hat shop. Frances Libbee, assistant junior specialist, showed the girls how to choose becoming and inexpensive hats and how to clean and make over old hats. Four girls of different types acted as models and showed the large and interested audience such secrets as why a hat with a brim is more becoming to a girl with glasses, and why a turned-down hat is best for a turned-up nose. Exhibits on foods, clothing, and poster making were also features.

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Year-round garden club members in seven communities of Claiborne Parish, La., will have two vegetables each day during the year for the use of their families, says Pearl LeFevre, home demonstration agent of the parish.

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All club members in Kentucky who graduated from high school during the last year received a letter from the 4-H club of the University of Kentucky, Lexington, congratulating them on their graduation and urging them to continue their education through college. A new bulletin about the college of agriculture and home economics was mailed under a separate cover and other courses offered by the university were mentioned in the letter. The club members were urged to enter some other college if they could not come to the university.

The letter concluded: "If you are thinking of entering the university, the president of the university 4-H club will be glad to give you more information, and the officers and members of the club will be glad to be of assistance to you in every way possible."

The president of the club signed the letter. County and home demonstration agents furnished the lists of club members to whom the letter was sent.

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Nevada 4-H stockmen at the State Junior Farm Bureau Camp, University of Nevada livestock farm, August 5-10, saw demonstrations showing that the most valuable cuts of meat are larger and better in a good steer and smaller and of inferior quality in a poor one. Other instruction at the camp included the packing of horses, knot tying, fire prevention, use of paint on the farm, control of farm and garden insects, making household accessories, home decoration, and preparation of foods. All of the campers made up a 4-H band that furnished music for the camp. They

played mouth organs, ukeleles, drums, or other instruments under the leadership of the university music director, T. H. Post.

Twleve of the State's 17 counties were represented at the camp.

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Club members at the sixth annual 4-H Club Congress, Mississippi A. and M. College, staged a pageant, "The 4-H Club Spirit." The boys and girls formed the four H's and the clover leaf while holding lighted candles.

The four H's were portrayed by tableaux based on well-known paintings or statues. The Head was represented by a club member posed as the Thinker by Rodin. The Heart was shown by a group reproducing Millet's Angelus. Another group posed as the same artist's Gleaners, for the Hand. Health was portrayed by a representation of a Discus Thrower by Myron.

A 20-piece 4-H club band from Wayne County furnished music for this and other events of the Mississippi congress. The band is known as the "Mississippi Toys" and has been organized 10 months.

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The "Caesar Syncopators" is the name of a new organization which functioned for the first time this year at Camp Caesar, 4-H camp of Webster County, W. Va. The object of the "Syncopators" is to discover and develop musical talent among the club members at the camp.

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Weekly auction sales of baby beeves fed by boys and girls carrying 4-H and vocational agriculture projects are being held again this season at the Union Stockyards, Chicago, under the auspices of the International Livestock Exposition, according to a statement issued by Secretary-Manager B. H. Heide. The sales began August 13 at 2 p.m. and will be repeated weekly as long as a sufficient supply of calves is offered. These sales were inaugurated in 1924. Below is given a summary of the sales transactions exclusive of the final sale which is held each year during the International Livestock Exposition:

Year	Head	Average price	Top	Total money
1924...	549	$ 11.03	$15.00	$56,436.00
1925...	813	14.17	19.00	119,469.00
1926...	1,544	12.04	15.00	166,271.53
1927...	1,634	14.57	18.25	211,226.63
1928...	1,818	17.38	20.50	291,143.25
	6,358			$844,546.61

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From Maryland comes news that four delegates were selected from each of five Eastern Shore counties to form a Five-County Council. The first meeting, held recently, was devoted to discussion of county, area, and State problems.

Montgomery County, Va., held a lamb show this year in which the 39 club members raising sheep showed around 250 lambs. After the lambs had been judged they were shipped to the Jersey City market.

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Eighteen Orange County (N. Y.), club members doing farm-management work made a three-day tour to New York City recently to study at first hand the terminal markets there and to get a better idea of how to prepare and ship produce to meet the market needs. Particular attention was given to the incoming shipments of fruit, produce, and eggs at Hudson River piers; to the preparation of meat and eggs for retail trade; and to the way in which milk is received and handled. The group was conducted by M. C. Bond, extension assistant professor of marketing at the New York State College of Agriculture.

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The two highest scoring girls in the Florida State health contest held during the girls' short course, were by invitation presented in the Florida senate, escorted to the president's platform, and seated one on each side of the presiding officer. They were also presented in the house of representatives and a complimentary motion was made and passed to send both girls to the Boys' and Girls' Club Congress in Chicago. Later a conference was arranged, a bill drawn, presented, and passed by both houses making a special appropriation of $300 to send the two highest-scoring health-contest girls to Chicago.

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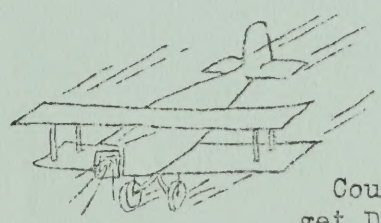

When the Genesee County, (N.Y.) 4-H clubs found that they could not get Dean A. R. Mann of the New York State Agricultural College for speaker at their round-up, because of impossible train connections, they chartered an airplane and thereby enabled him to reach the round-up in time for the program.

Dean Mann said he had had previous experience in flying when he was in Europe studying agricultural development and education there and on one of these occasions flew over the frozen Baltic Sea to Finland, but that this was the first occasion on which he had resorted to a plane to keep a speaking engagement. New York extension folks think this is also probably the first time a plane has been used in agricultural extension work in their State.

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THE GAUNTLET CLUB

THIS MONTH'S CHALLENGES

South Dakota proclaims two:

(1) The Star Clothing Club of Tripp County, organized with 5 members, has grown to 23 and includes all of the girls in its community of high-school age. The members have completed their work 100 per cent for three consecutive years.

(2) Nineteen per cent of South Dakota's total club enrollment (which is 12,055) has attended some one of the 14 district camps. This does not count in the State round-up or junior short course.

Says the Silver State:

One 4-H club member is enrolled for every 90 inhabitants in the State of Nevada.

From the Buckeye State:

Gladys Frances of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, started out in a 4-H poultry enterprise in the spring of 1928 with 259 chicks and ended her project with the same number of adult fowls.

"One for every 10 club members in the State attended their State camp * * * Third year, 1,100; fourth year, 2,017--can you beat that for an increase in camp attendance in one year? * * * We have 1 club member for every 58 inhabitants in the State."

These and other ejaculations from the direction of Arkansas herald the approach of W. J. Jernigan, State club leader, with a roll of challenges and counter-challenges under his arm.

Says Mr. Jernigan: "When I began to figure a little on our attendance at the two State camps this year, one at the University for the white boys and girls and one at the branch college for negro boys and girls, I found, somewhat to my surprise, that approximately 1 for every 10 club members in the State attended their State camp. Registered at the Fayetteville camp were 2,017 and at the branch college, 850. This gives a total of 2,867. The total enrollment of club members in the State, both white and colored, is 29,557, so you can see it is nearly 1 out of every 10.

"The 2,017 at the Fayetteville camp this year is just 917 more than last year's registration. The 850 negro boys and girls attending their camp almost doubled last year's registration. To show you how the attendance has increased during the four years we have been holding it there, I give below the attendance for each of the four years:

First year 787
Second year 1,007
Third year.....1,100
Fourth year.....2,017

Can you beat that for an increase for one year?

"Another item which may be of some interest, because of a statement that Nevada has made that they have one member for every 90 inhabitants, is this--basing my reckoning upon the 1920 census of this State, we have one club member for every 58 inhabitants in the State."

Then he remarks: "It might be of interest to you to know that the 29,557 Four-H club members this year are conducting a total of 54,814 demonstrations in 20 different projects."

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College

"The type of boys and girls succeeding in club work is the type which should go on through college. These boys and girls deserve and should have the benefits which the college can give."

--THE BURLINGTON FREE PRESS, Burlington, Vt., July 6, 1929.

South Dakota finds that it furnishes interesting data to keep tab on former 4-H club members enrolled as students in agriculture, home economics, and other divisions of South Dakota State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, from year to year. Of the total number of students enrolled in 1928-29 in agriculture, 20 per cent were former club members and 13 per cent of the home-economics students had been in 4-H clubs. Club members in other divisions of the college constituted 7 per cent of the enrollment. In the college short course, 15 per cent of the agricultural students and 25 per cent of the home-economics students were club members.

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Each year, two college scholarships are given by the State Fair of Texas and one by the Texas Home Demonstration Association to 4-H club girls. The awards this year went to Farris Stevenson, Alma Kindt, and Ardell Watkins of Scurry, Brazos, and Cass counties, respectively.

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A local power company of Ottertail County, Minn., has offered three scholarships, each of $140, good in the schools of agriculture or in the college of agriculture in Minnesota, to be awarded one during each of the next three years to the most outstanding dairy calf club member in that county.

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Herbert Fick of St. Louis County, one of Missouri's delegates to the 1928 National 4-H Club Camp in Washington, D.C., made the highest average scholarship record of any freshman in the Missouri college of agriculture last year.

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Mildred L. Bennett, a former 4-H club member of Steele County, Minn., won the Henry Webb Brewster Scholarship of $250 this year for outstanding record in scholarship and in qualities of leadership. She is earning her way through a 4-year course at the University of Minnesota.

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Thirty-seven North Dakota former 4-H club members attending the agricultural college at Fargo in 1928-29 organized a college 4-H club. They have two motives -- one, to be of assistance during the annual club institutes at the college; the other, to help with the club programs in their counties during the time the members can be at home. They plan to hold two meetings each year.

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Former 4-H club members entering Florida State College for Women, Tallahassee, become associate members of the college 4-H club. After they have met scholarship requirements similar to those set by other organizations on the campus, they become active members.

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N E W P L A N S

Mrs. Esther Stafford, home demonstration agent in Jeff Davis Parish, La., has followed a plan for training girls' demonstration teams, this summer, which enables each member of the clubs to obtain the training. First, Mrs. Stafford gives the demonstration. Then she divides the girls into team groups and the demonstration is repeated by each group. While each team is at work the other clubmembers who form the audience check very closely and call attention to any error or omission they may note.

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New Jersey 4-H club members interested in poultry are getting down to business, November 1, on a new program which covers practical poultry-raising experience and study in three years' time. Each member who undertakes the work will study his subject matter as it relates to the particular phase he has in hand, and will also own or have complete charge of a poultry flock.

During the first year attention will be given to poultry house construction, the feeding of laying hens, brooding and feeding young chicks, and summer management of young stock. The importance of keeping an egg record will be emphasized.

Subjects planned for the second year include poultry farm sanitation, feeds and feeding, natural and artificial incubation, selection of layers and culling, and keeping egg and cost account records.

Among the subjects for the third year are the use of artificial lights, common poultry diseases, breeding, equipment, the preparation of poultry for exhibition, and the keeping of egg records, cost accounts, and breeding records.

A man-sized job, eh? It was outlined by J. C. Taylor, associate extension poultry specialist, New Brunswick, N. J.

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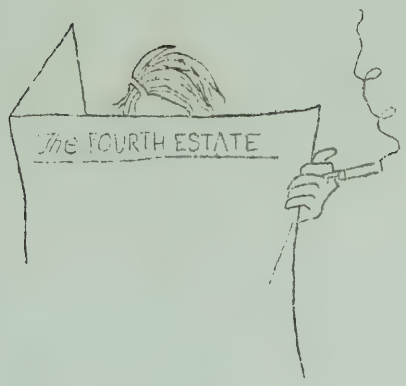

Under the two-column head "Leaders of Tomorrow, Training Through 4-H Club Work in Vermont," the BURLINGTON FREE PRESS gives timely 4-H club news. In the copy at hand, words of the new club song by Fannie Buchanan, "A Song of Health," are given a prominent place. The photograph and story of a club member who recently won a dairy judging contest in Rutland County, Vt., appear with the caption, "Our 4-H picture gallery." A paragraph tells about an enthusiastic and successful club member in Bennington County who once said in his narrative report, "The club motto, 'Make the best better,' rings in my ears every time I see a hen." Space is given to a summary of events during the seventh State 4-H week with results of the judging contests held at that time. Local information pertaining to several counties is grouped into a paragraph headed "The 4-H News Current." Material for the section was furnished by E. L. Ingalls, State club leader for Vermont.

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Silhouettes are used by the ORANGE COUNTY (N.Y.) 4-H CLUB NEWS, a printed publication, for illustrating the July issue.

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YELLOWSTONE COUNTY 4-H CLUB NEWS comes in from Montana to the CLUB LEADER's exchange desk. It is a monthly mimeographed paper.

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Pansy Norton, county home demonstration agent in Dade County, Fla., sends copies of the DA-CO NEWS, a mimeographed 4-H club paper. She writes: "This paper is issued four times a year unless there is something special that we want to get out to the club girls -- then we put out issues in between times."

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THE ARIZONA FOUR-H CLUB CACTUS is the name of the paper which carried the story of the sixteenth annual Arizona 4-H club week to club members all over the State.

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WELD COUNTY NEWS, a weekly of Greeley, Colo., publishes in each issue under a two-column head--"With Weld 4-H Clubs"--information of interest to the 4-H boys and girls in the county.

TAR HEEL CLUB NEWS and OREGON 4-H CLOVER LEAVES were the daily mimeographed newspapers, manned by club members, which carried the news of the State club short course at North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering and of the 4-H summer school at Oregon State Agricultural College, respectively.

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THE 4-H BROADCASTER rings in from Scott County, Minn., where it has been mimeographed each month beginning with April. The editors are the Scott County 4-H club council and the county extension agents, assisted by "live wire" local 4-H club reporters.

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Calendar

4-H Club Department,
Alabama State Fair,
Birmingham, Ala., September 30 to
October 5.

4-H Club Department,
State Fair of Alabama,
Montgomery, Ala., October 21-27.

State 4-H Club Camp and Convention,
Branch College of Agriculture,
Davis, Calif. Two sections,
October 10 - 12.
October 17 - 19.

4-H Club Department,
National Dairy Exposition,
St. Louis, Mo., October 12-19.

4-H Club Department,
Rhode Island League of Agricultural
Associations Show,
Providence, R. I., November 14-17.

All-South 4-H Club Congress,
Mid-South Fair, Dairy Show, and
National Cotton Show,
Memphis, Tenn., September 30 -
October 2.

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"THE ART OF FURNITURE ARRANGEMENT." Extension Service, University of Maryland, College Park, Md.

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The contract for film-strip production was again awarded to Consolidated Film Industries, Inc., 1776 Broadway, New York City and the contract will be in effect until June 30, 1930. A total of 68 department film-strip negatives have been deposited with this firm for the use of anyone desiring to purchase positive film strips.

Under the contract, complete film strips containing 48 frames (slides) or less may be purchased for 35 cents. Film strips of 49 to 64 frames cost 44 cents. Prices of strips of more than 64 frames increase 9 cents for each additional 16 frames, or fraction thereof. A catalogue of the strips may be had from Office of Cooperative Extension Work, U.S.D.A., Washington, D. C.

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"MISSOURI 4-H CLUB CANDLE-LIGHTING CEREMONY" - 4-H club circular (mimeographed), Agricultural Extension Service, College of Agriculture, University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.

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"I cannot sing the old songs now!
It is not that I deem them low,
'Tis that I can't remember how
They go!"

Any possibility of a 4-H club falling into such a state of mind is now quite negligible, for the NATIONAL 4-H SONGBOOK is now ready for distribution.

A committee on 4-H club music was appointed during the first national 4-H club camp, charged with the responsibility of obtaining the publication of such a songbook, and during the 1929 national camp the committee presented its report, which was accepted. Here is the result of their labors.

The book has 64 pages and contains about 80 songs, nearly all with music. "The Plowing Song," "Dreaming," and "A Song of Health" are included. The preface is an article entitled "Teaching 4-H Club Members to Sing," by Professor Peter Dykema of Columbia University.

C. C. Birchard & Co., Boston, Mass., are the publishers and orders may be sent directly to them. It is understood that books may also be obtained from the National Committee on Boys' and Girls' Club Work, 58 East Washington Street, Chicago, Ill.

The price is 20 cents per copy when 10 books or less are purchased. A discount is allowed when the books are purchased in larger quantities.

AMONG OURSELVES

"What are the important factors which contribute toward a successful county program of 4-H club work?" was asked in the August CLUB LEADER.

W. H. Kendrick, assistant director in charge of 4-H clubs, West Virginia extension service, writes as follows:

"In response to your request for the points of a successful program, may I submit the five following which have grown out of some 26 years' experience in boys' and girls' club work?

(1) History shows that only a 4-H program is adequate; Four-Fold Life Development is the pattern of citizenship.

(2) A progressive program is essential. We must not have long trousers doing knee breeches stunts or vice versa.

(3) The boys and girls must have a hand, a voice, and a vote in the planning.

(4) You will find a boy's and girl's interests lie where his heart is. Therefore start with the H e a r t "H."

(5) 'Hero worship' instinct demands heroic leadership."

W. R. Ralston, assistant State club leader, southern counties, California extension service, who suggested the topic for discussion, gives as factors "not in our opinion the only ones and perhaps some of them relatively unimportant, but those which constitute our ideas at this time":

(1) Liking of club work by county agents.

(2) Support of influential people.

(3) Support of service organizations within the county.

(4) Support of parents.

(5) Economic success of projects in agriculture.

(6) A continuous flow of result publicity.

(7) A substantial volume.

(8) A trained local leadership."

What do you think are some important factors?

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